



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Member

### MINUTES

#### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Secretary Diane Gonzales to lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Secretary Diane Gonzales called the roll: Commissioner Gonder - Present; Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present. Quorum therefore meeting commenced.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agenda with an amendment under New Business of: "Consider approving two Resolutions passed by the La Porte County Redevelopment Commission regarding repayment of Major Moves funds from certain TIF increment generated in both the I-94/421 TIF district and KIP TIF district as well as (2) County Commission resolutions in support of such repayment/restructuring allowing certain amount of TIF funds in both TIF districts to support RDC operations while providing repayment to Major Moves when over \$500,000 in TIF revenue is generated in either district." Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the September 6th meeting. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Secretary Gonzales read the claims with Payroll ending 9-8-2017 - \$1,103,661.58 and Miscellaneous - \$1,334,269.95. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

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## REQUESTS

**Andrew McGuire - EMS** - Requested permission to approach the council for purchasing computers. Andrew stated a computer replacement program was started last year. Their base computers are eight years old and need replacing. Request is to replace nine computers. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request to approach the Council. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Doug Biege - County Attorney** - Considered proposed settlement in La Porte County v. Azure. This will complete the Lincoln Trail project. County went through the court proceedings, negotiated settlement. This is commercial property - a perpetual easement to allow the county to connect the Lincoln Trail. Total settlement is \$65,000 and was handled by Matt Hagenow with Newby, Lewis. Attorney Biege recommends approval. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Lynne Spevak - Treasurer** - Considered contract with Value Payment Systems. New vendor will allow payments done online through Beacon. Both Tippecanoe and Hancock Counties use this vendor. Child support for the state of Indiana is done through Value Payment Systems. No swipe card readers currently in the Treasurer's office. County can get up to ten devices without being charged. Rates are cheaper than the current vendor Invoice Cloud. Lynne requested permission to contract with this vendor. Commissioner Kora asked if there were any legal comments. County attorney Doug Biege stated he reviewed the contract, proposed a few changes that were accepted. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Considered Commissioners' appointment** of Amy Blind to the PTABOA Board replacing Roger Miller who resigned. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Karl Cender - Cender & Company** - Considered approving two resolutions passed by the La Porte County Redevelopment Commission regarding repayment of Major Moves funds. Karl stated the two Resolutions relate to amending or restructuring the repayment of six million dollars - from 2011 which was used for improvements in the KIP (Kingsbury Industrial Park) for a major development that was to occur but never happened - to Major Moves from Redevelopment. The loan was to be repaid through TIF (Tax Increment Financing). Proposed Resolutions have been approved by RDC and will be considered on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at the County Council meeting. Any TIF over half a million dollars for both the KIP and I-94/US 421 districts will be used to pay back Major Moves. This would allow the RDC to use TIF up to half a million dollars for improvements or assistant companies in economic developments. Commissioner Kora stated he attended the RDC meeting and this would allow the RDC to improve infrastructure to attract new businesses. RDC has contracted with Holladay Properties who will recruit development to the KIP area. Commissioner Kora also said this is a chance to complete what was started in 2011. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the Resolutions. Commissioner Gonder stated he received the Resolutions late in the day so he abstained from voting. Commissioner Mrozinski replied he was at the RDC meeting and he has reviewed the Resolutions. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

## COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

**Commissioner Kora** asked County Engineer Jerry Sullivan to look into accidents on US Highway 20. Jay has contacted INDOT. Certain changes are being planned.

Commissioner Kora met earlier in the day with District 1 Rep Pete Visclosky on the Double Tracking. Four counties are involved with the project which should be completed in 2020.

Commissioner Kora stated next week at the Visitors Bureau there will be a meeting with Jim Jessup, Maggie Spartz and Leigh Morris on planning for the county.

Commissioner Kora attended a meeting with the Workforce Development for the Northwest Indiana area. New board members were appointed and a budget was approved.

**President Mrozinski** reported he attended the INDOT meeting. Rumble strips have been installed in that area of Hwy 20.

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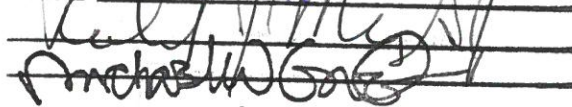
President Mrozinski commented on his trip last week to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign War from Indiana. He met with 7 of the 11 legislators.

President Mrozinski stated next week he will be attending the AIC - Association of Indiana Counties - conference in Switzerland County.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 10-4-2017

  
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ATTEST: Vidya Kora  
Auditor  
LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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